

DUKAKIS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE
June 27, 2012
MINUTES

Present: Jesse Mermell, Rebecca Stone, Chris Chanyasulkit, John Bain, Melissa Goff

Jesse Mermell asked Melissa Goff to give an update on a recent Naming Committee meeting where the Naming Committee discussed some of the ideas that the Dukakis Committee have been looking into. Members of the Naming committee felt that Kitty Dukakis may not meet their naming criteria, and suggested that "Dukakis Park" may be more amenable than something more specific.

Jesse said that she spoke with Al Raine who said that Dukakis was supportive of the internship program. Melissa explained how a couple of the current internship programs in Town work. Alan Balsam in the Health Department currently hires 10 interns (6 during the school year and 4 over the summer). They work 10-12 hrs/wk and get paid \$500 a semester. Alan solicits at all schools of public health in the area and an intern is assigned to a specific division in the department. Alan proposes various projects based on departmental need. Jeff Levine in Planning has interns that are typically from the Tufts work study program. The Town pays \$500 and Tufts pays \$2,000 and we get \$2,500 worth of time. They typically work 10 hrs a week and are paid directly by Tufts.

Committee members thought that an internship in Health and one in Parks and Open Space was a good idea. A non-staff committee would need to do the fundraising in order to fund a program. They would look to raise approximately \$25K for the program. The Committee is also interested in having a book award at the High School. John Bain also discussed the possibility of naming the green space outside Town Hall. He thought that Dukakis Gardens would be an appropriate name. He will speak to members of the Naming Committee to get a better sense of their support.

The Committee agreed to set the next meeting for July 9th at 6PM. At this meeting they will look to vote on final ideas.

Adjourned at 6:45PM.